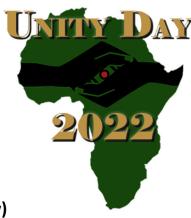
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### "THE RISE OF A PAN-AFRICAN REALITY"

UNITY DAY
Kwanzaa
Dakar, Senegal
Place du Souvenir Africaine
December 26<sup>th</sup> 2022

18h – 20h GMT; 13h-15h EST; 12h-14h CST; 11h-13h PST

Attire is all green, any combination of red, black, green, and gold (yellow)



## **DAKAR, SENEGAL**

The Marcus Garvey Institute of Human Development, headed by Dr. Julius Garvey, son of the honored Marcus Mosiah Garvey, is conducting a global Pan-African rally in celebration of the first day of Kwanzaa, entitled UNITY DAY. Kwanzaa is a famous African descendant diasporan week-long holiday created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, professor and chairman of Black Studies at California State University, Long Beach.

Unity Day 2022 will take place Monday, December 26, 2022, at the Place du Souvenir Africain in Dakar, Senegal, from 18h to 20h GMT and live streamed through Garvey TV globally. The event is meant to symbolize the call of all African people, firstly those of Senegal, to the African descendants of the diaspora dispersed by the destruction of the Maafa (the trans-Atlantic slave trade). A call for a return to ancestral and tribal homelands of the continent of Africa.

The event is planned to hold 1000 participants from the ancient villages of Dakar, Yoff, Grand Yoff, Ouakam, Ngor, and all over Dakar and Senegal. The event is being organized by the NGO, The All African Empowerment Society, Carbon-14 of the Cheikh Anta Diop University, with students from Chad, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, and many other African nations.

UNITY DAY will be virtually attended by Dr. Julius Garvey, son of the Hon. Marcus M. Garvey, Dr. Maulana Karenga, renowned author, scholar, and founder of Kwanzaa, and H.R.H. Queen Diambi Kabatusuila Tshiyoyo Muata. Officials of Senegal will be in attendance, such as Cheikh Tidiane Gadio, the Vice President of the National Assembly of Senegal; Abdoulaye Diouf Sarr, deputy: of the National Assembly of Senegal\*; Barthélémy Toye Dias, Mayor of Dakar\*; Dr. Dialo Diop, Secretary General of the RND, Dean Professor Amadou Diop, Cheikh Anta Diop University. (\*invited but yet unconfirmed)

The principles of Kwanzaa will be presented by:

**Dr. Molefi Kete Asante**, President of the Molefi Kete Asante Inst. for Afrocentric Studies **Prof. Amadou Diallo** 

**Cheikh Tidiane Gadio**, Vice President of the National Assembly of Senegal **LaQuay LaunJuel**, Pres. AAES, CEO Ibadah International, Pres. Obsidian Elite Investment Assoc. **David Comissiong**, Barbadian CARICOM Ambassador

**Kevin Johnson**, former NBA star and Mayor of Sacramento **Queen Diambi Kabatusuila**, Queen of the Bakwa Luntu in Kasaï (DRC), Queen of the National Order of the Leopard, Founder of the Elikia Hope Foundation

The event has been organized and will be officiated by LaQuay LaunJuel; Ibrahima Ba Shekhem Priest of Ngagor Ashraka Ata Menkare.

# Other notable cameo video appearances: \*\*

Dr. James Smalls, Nas KRS-One

Makeda Kumasi, Fred Hampton Jr. Ermias Tadesse
Dr. Claude Anderson Oba T'Shaka Dr. Umar Johnson
Prof. Kaba Kamene Dr. Patricia Reid-Merritt Forest Branch

Dr. Dialo Diop Dr. Arikana Chihombori Mfundishi Jhutyms
Dr. Leonard Jeffries Prof. Winnie Mitullah Cheick Camara

Issa Rae Robert & Wanda Dickerson

Nick Cannon Sa Neter

This rally will include a traditional spiritual ceremony in honor of our ancestors lost in the Maafa via elemental libation, as well as the procession of life ceremony symbolizing the proper order of the African family.

Rally participants are requested to wear green, symbolizing peace and unity, or any combination of the Pan-African colors of red, black, green, and gold. We are coming together to celebrate unity, family, and love for one another.

Join us in Unity, Peace, and Prosperity!

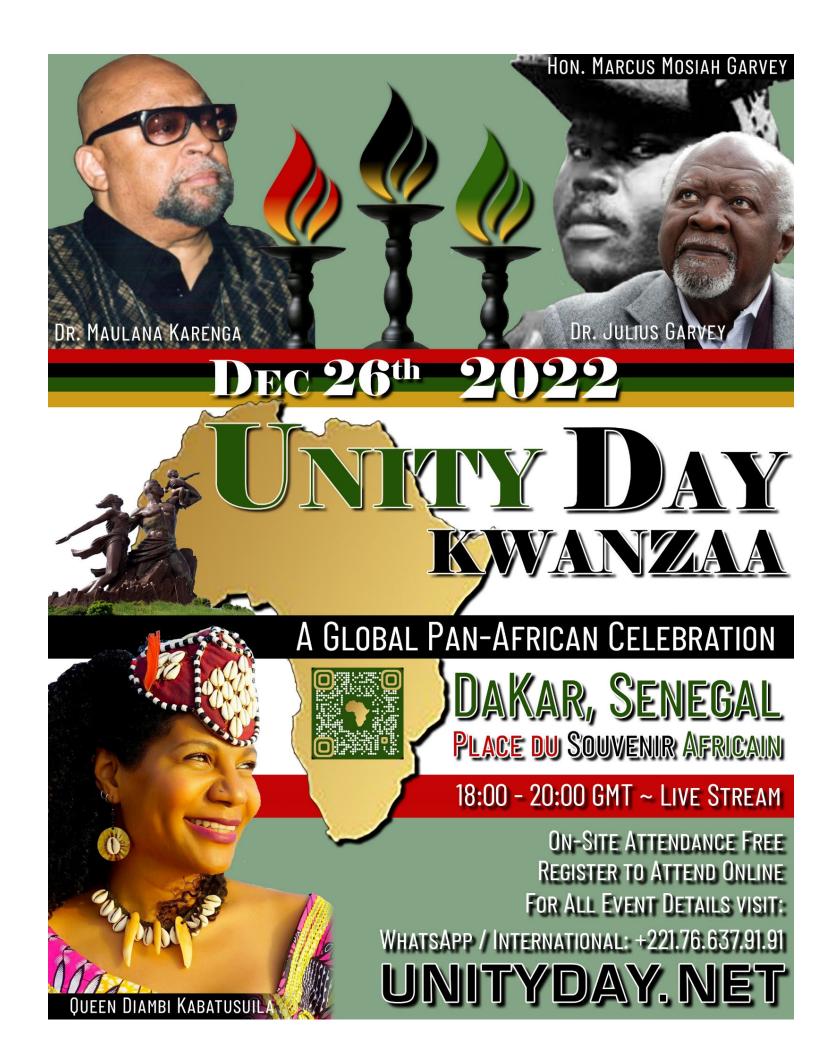
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<sup>\*\*</sup> various stages of confirmation



### **MEDIA LOGISTICS:**

There will be a press conference on Dec 19, 2022, at 14:00h (2 pm) at IFPNC school Route de l'Aeroport Leopold Sedar Senghor, Yoff, next to Hypermarche Exclusive to discuss the event and answer any questions from the media.

At the event, the media will have two designated areas of operation, provided they have valid press credentials. Any media wishing to cover the event, please get in touch with our media liaison, Rokhaya Faye, at the number listed herein for media inquiries. All video coverage, camera crews, etc., must be provided by the 19<sup>th</sup> press conference to be included in the event, as there may be limited space.

### **Event Staff:**

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Operations Assistant: John Diouf Executive Assistant: Ulonda Snell Community Organizer: Alassane Ba

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